



# City of Tucson Ward 5 Newsletter

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Dear Friends:

The Renaissance of Ward 5 and the City of Tucson continues with my work providing more jobs, economic, medical and educational opportunities.

The dedication and ribbon cutting of the new GEICO Regional Office at the Tucson Marketplace at the Bridges took place June 25. This new 200,000 square foot building will house a total of 2,200 employees. I want to thank GEICO President and CEO Bill Roberts and Michelle Trindade, GEICO Regional Vice President and the leadership at the GEICO Regional Headquarters for their commitment to Ward 5 and our community.

Pima County JTED (Joint Technical Education District) had their ground breaking for their new campus, the Center for Innovative Learning at the Tucson Marketplace at the Bridges. I want to thank JTED Superintendent Kathy Prather and the JTED Board for selecting the Bridges as their new location for their educational campus.

The first building will be 50,000 square feet and can house up to 900 students and construction will be finished by June, 2020 and ready for the 2020 fall semester.

JTED has said there are 25,000 potential students in the surrounding area who would be able to attend, which TUSD and Sunnyside are working with JTED on the Innovative Learning Center.

The Mayor and Council have approved development plans for a Brake-Max, Mister Car Wash, Kentucky Fried Chicken and a Dutch Brothers Coffee, to also be located at the Bridges, with the construction currently underway.

We have seen the opening of the new, El Rio Cherrybell Health Center, located at 22nd and Cherrybell, providing Ward 5 and the Southside more opportunities for their health care. I want to congratulate Nancy Johnson, CEO of El Rio and the staff at the Cherrybell Health Center for their work

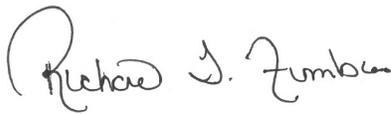
My work continues to build on the Renaissance of Ward 5 and the South side. When I ran to be the Councilmember for Ward 5, I knocked on doors and heard that people wanted to go back to work and not have to drive so far to buy groceries or get health care.

I have worked to give our community more economic opportunities by creating more than 9,000 jobs since taking office as your Ward 5 Councilmember.

Raytheon, Chamberlain Manufacturing, Costco, Walmart, GEICO, VXi Tucson, Alorica Pharmaceutical, HomeGoods Distribution Center, FedEx Ground, Century Mark 14 Theatre, Lins Grand Buffet, Modular Mining, Centene, Vanguard and Shared Services are some of companies who have opened new businesses or expanded operations in Ward 5 and more will follow.

I hope you and your family have a fun and safe Fourth of July Holiday and thank you and God Bless.

Thank You.



Richard Fimbres  
Your Ward 5 Councilmember

#### **GEICO DEDICATION AT THE BRIDGES**

I had the privilege of speaking at the dedication and ribbon cutting for the new GEICO Regional Headquarters at the Bridges in Ward 5 on Tuesday, June 25.

GEICO President and CEO Bill Robert's and GEICO Tucson Regional Vice President Michelle Trindade and Mayor Jonathan Rothschild joined me in speaking at the ribbon cutting.

I want to thank GEICO for the commitment to Ward 5 and our community. I want to thank Don Bourn, Bourn Company, Eric Davis Retail West and the University of Arizona for working together to amend the development agreement so that the GEICO could be built.



I want to thank my colleagues on the Council for their support of the Bridges. I also want to thank Supervisor Ramon Valadez for his support as well. I especially want to thank the leadership of the four surrounding neighborhood associations: Pueblo Gardens, Las Vistas, Western Hills II and South Park for their hard work in making what the Bridges is today. This is another chapter in the Renaissance of Ward 5 and the South side.



**BUDGET UPDATE**

The Mayor and Council gave final approval for the Fiscal Year '20 budget at the June 4 Mayor and Council meeting.

This is a structurally balanced budget and I want to thank the City Manager, his staff, the Department Directors and my colleagues on the Council for working together in creating this budget. The Fiscal Year '20 budget goes into effect on July 1.



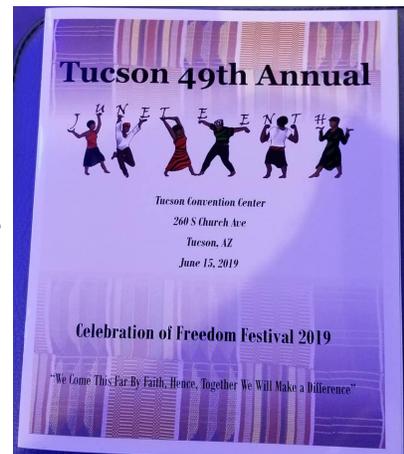
The City of Tucson won an award from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA). The GFOA's Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for Tucson's Office of Finance/Budget reflects the commitment of the governing body and staff to meet the highest principles of governmental budgeting.

In order to receive the award, the City had to satisfy nationally recognized guidelines for effective budget presentation. Congratulations to City of Tucson CFO, Joyce Garland, her staff and the Finance and Budget Offices for their work.

**49TH ANNUAL JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION IN TUCSON**

I want to thank the Juneteenth Organizing Committee for giving me the opportunity to speak at the Opening Ceremony for the 49th Annual Tucson Juneteenth Celebration, held Saturday, June 15.

I want to congratulate the committee: Valerie Standley, Charlotte Mack, Johnny Bowens, Jordan Rhone, Larry Starks, Kevin Hamilton, Rose Taulton, Sherman Lester, Ophelia Parker, Sadie Shaw, Andres Portella III, Ada Redd Austin and Kuulerene Stephens for their work on Juneteenth and the many organizations and businesses that were at Juneteenth.



Councilmember Regina Romero joined me at the Opening Ceremony and Mayor Rothschild read

the City of Tucson Proclamation.



**RACIAL RECONCILIATION DINNER**

On Saturday, June 8, I had the privilege of speaking at the 33rd Annual Racial Reconciliation Conference Dinner held at the Sheraton Hotel. Martha Wills, Bill Wills and Sunshine Ministries have put this conference on for the past 33 years.

I also presented Ward 5 Medallions of Hope to the honorees at this year's banquet, which included Ward 5's Joshua Ashton as Youth of the Year.



**CPLC 50TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER**

Thursday, June 6 was the Southern Arizona dinner for Chicanos Por La Causa, who is celebrating 50 years of work and success.

I was honored and humbled to be selected for the CPLC Cause for Change Award for the work and accomplishments that have happened in Ward 5. I want to congratulate Carlotta Flores and Sun Corridor who were also honored for their work.

I want to thank my family for their support. I want to thank my staff for their work in making Ward 5 a better place to live, work and raise a family. I want to thank the city employees for their efforts.

I want to congratulate CPLC for their work. I had the privilege of working with Tillie Arvizu, Terry Cruz, Pete Garcia and Lorraine Lee on many projects and it is great to see CPLC go into its next 50 years, working to improve the quality of life. I also want to especially thank Valerie Sanchez and Magdalena Verdugo for their work with CPLC.





### BEAR DOWN ARIZONA AT RIGO'S

On Wednesday, June 19, at Rigo's, I had the privilege of speaking at the South side community event for U of A President Robert Robbins, Athletic Director Dave Heeke and Football Coach Kevin Sumlin.

I want to thank everyone for coming out and Dan Eckstrom for organizing the event. Bear Down Arizona!

### WELCOME MENDEZ BAKERY & TORTILLAS!

Mendez Bakery & Tortillas have opened the doors! They are located at 1219 S. 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, the former location of the LeCave's Bakery in Ward 5. Fernando Mendez will be adding larger variety of Mexican pastries and he will be holding an official grand opening later this Summer.

Welcome Fernando Mendez and Mendez Bakery & Tortillas to Ward 5!



### TAKE CARE OF YOUR PETS THIS SUMMER

We all love spending the long, sunny days of summer outdoors with our furry companions, but being overeager in hot weather can spell danger. To prevent your pet from overheating, here are some precautions provided by the ASPCA:

Pets can get dehydrated quickly, so give them plenty of fresh, clean water when it's hot or humid outdoors. Make sure your pets have a shady place to get out of the sun, be careful not to over-exercise them, and keep them indoors when it's extremely hot. When the temperature is very high, don't let your dog linger on hot asphalt. Being so close to the ground, your pooch's body can heat up quickly, and sensitive paw pads can burn. Keep walks during these times to a minimum.

Animals with flat faces, like Pugs and Persian cats, are more susceptible to heat stroke since they cannot pant as effectively. These pets, along with the elderly, the overweight, and those with heart or lung diseases, should be kept cool in air-conditioned rooms as much as possible. Never leave your animals alone in a parked vehicle. Not only can it lead to fatal heat stroke, it is illegal in Arizona and many other states!

Always, remember to please have your pet spayed/neutered and pick up after them during a walk.



### NEIGHBORHOOD MEETINGS

South Park Neighborhood Association - Monday, July 1 at 6:00 pm, Quincie Douglas Center, 1575 E. 36th Street.

Fairgrounds Neighborhood Association - Thursday, July 11 at 6:00 pm at the Ward 5 Council Office, 4300 S. Park Avenue.

UCAB Quarterly Meeting – Wednesday, July 17 at 5:45 pm at the El Pueblo Senior Center, 101 W. Irvington Road.

SNAPP (Southside Neighborhood Assn. Presidential Partnership) – Thursday, July 18 at 6:00 pm at the Ward 5 Council Office, 4300 S. Park Avenue.

### SOUTH 12TH AVENUE OPEN HOUSE

I want to thank everyone who attended the South 12th Avenue Improvements Project Open House, held Thursday, June 12 at the El Pueblo Senior Center. A lot of good questions, comments and suggestions were made for this project. Councilmember Romero joined me in co-hosting the event. I want to thank Diana Alarcon, TDOT Director and TDOT staff for their work on this project. For more information, call 327-6777 or go online to [12thavetucson.com](http://12thavetucson.com).



### NOTES

The 29<sup>th</sup> Street Coalition will be meeting, Wednesday, July 31 at 6:00 pm. The location of the meeting has not been determined yet. Please call Mary Kuchar at the Ward 5 Council Office at 791-4231, for more information. The last Ward 5 Newsletter incorrectly named the Christian Soldiers Breakfast and we apologize for the error. Tucson Electric Power offers a variety of assistance programs and deal with Medical Devices. For more information, go online to [tep.com/free-easy](http://tep.com/free-easy).

# 2019 Summer Sun Respite

## Grace St. Paul's Episcopal Church

2331 E. Adams St.  
327-6851 (Ask for Pam)  
All Year, Mon-Sat., 9 am-12 pm  
Capacity: 75

Snacks.  
Accepts and distributes donations.

## La Frontera - RAPP

1082 E. Ajo Way, Suite 100 (rear)  
882-8422 (Ask for Lydia or Sharon)  
Mon-Fri., 8 am- 4 pm  
Capacity: 15

Water, sack lunches, computers.  
Accepts and distributes donations

## Pima County Main Library

101 N. Stone Ave.  
594-5500  
Mon-Thu 9 am-6 pm, Fri 9 am-5pm  
Sat 10 am-5 pm, Sun 1 pm-5 pm  
Capacity: Varies

Cool off, use computers, read, get job search help, and see a nurse. Respect others' rights to the shared space.  
Accepts and Distributes Donations.

## Primavera HIP

702 S. 6th Ave.  
882-5383  
Mon, Weds.-Fri. 9 am-12:30 pm  
Capacity: 40

Hygiene and mail service, water and snacks.  
Accepts and distributes donations.

## Sister Jose Women's Center

1050 S. Park Ave.  
909-3905  
Year-round Day Program Mon-Sat. 9 am - 5 pm  
Capacity: Varies

Women 18 and over only. Cool off, showers, laundry, breakfast and sack lunches. On-site resources, enroll-

## Z Mansion

288 N. Church Ave.  
907-9057  
Starts June 1, Tues.-Fri., Sun. 10 am - 12 pm.  
Capacity: 70

Cool off. Free first-aid clinic (no Rx.) and lunch.  
Accepts and distributes donations.

## Interfaith Community Services

2820 W. Ina Rd.  
297-6049 (Ask for Terri)  
Main Mon-Fri., 9 am- 4 pm | Food Bank 9 am - 1 pm  
Capacity: 10

Cool welcome center, water.  
Accepts and distributes donations.

## La Frontera East - ROSE Project

4891 E. Grant Rd.  
285-5258 (Ask for Jodii, Ben, Reggie or Joe)  
Mon-Fri., 8 am- 5 pm

Supply pick-up ONLY: Water, snacks, sack lunches,  
Accepts and distributes donations

## Pima County Library Branches

26 locations to serve you.  
594-5500  
For locations & hours visit [www.library.pima.gov](http://www.library.pima.gov)  
Capacity: Varies

Branch libraries do not accept donations.  
Please give at the Main Library, 101 N. Stone Ave.

## Salvation Army Hospitality House

1002 N. Main Ave.  
Visit Intake Desk  
Every day 9 am-1:30 pm  
Capacity: 15

Cool off, resource information, water, snacks, sunscreen, hats, sunglasses as available. Accepts and distributes donations.

## Sonora House

2940 N. Flowing Wells Rd.  
RAPP Referral Only. 882-8422 (Ask for Gilberto)  
Sat-Sun, 9 am -3 pm  
Capacity: 12

Call RAPP for referral. Breakfast, lunch, laundry, shower, hygiene supplies, case management, housing

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[Ward5@tucsonaz.gov](mailto:Ward5@tucsonaz.gov)

**Stay Informed!**  
Visit our other  
information outlets:



**HTTP://  
WWW.TUCSONAZ.GOV/  
WARD -5**

Help those who are in  
need.  
Give to the  
Community Food  
Bank.  
For more  
information call:  
520-622-0525



## Frequently Used Phone Numbers

### **Emergency Services**

Tucson Police Department or Tucson Fire Department  
DIAL 911

### **Permits**

Planning and Development Services Department  
791-5550

### **Housing Assistance**

City of Tucson Community Services Department  
791-4739

### **Tucson Convention Center**

791-4101

### **City of Tucson Code Enforcement**

791-5843

### **TPD Red Tag Unit**

837-7318

### **Graffiti Removal**

792-CITY (2489)

### **TPD Non Emergency**

791-4444

### **Trash Pick Up & Environmental Services**

City of Tucson Environmental Services Department  
791-3171

### **Transportation & Street Maintenance**

Tucson Department of Transportation  
791-3154

### **Tucson Water Department**

Billing - 791-3242, Public Information - 791-4331

### **Park Tucson**

791-5071

### **Pima Animal Care**

724-5900

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